

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-456

For: State and County Offices

Approving Cost-Share Payments for Practices Not Certified by NRCS

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

In May 2003, FSA and NRCS issued a joint memorandum indicating that NRCS' role would be limited to 10 percent of the practices to ensure that practices meet specifications. The joint memorandum was silent regarding FSA action on the remaining practices.

B Purpose

This notice provides guidance regarding FSA action on the practices for which NRCS did not perform a review.

2 Policy

A Producer Self-Certification

For practices that were not certified for payment by NRCS according to 2-CRP, paragraph 475, producers must self-certify that the practice meets the requirements of 2-CRP, Exhibit 9. A revised AD-862 was made available under County Software Release No. 522 on October 14, 2003.

B Future Guidance

A future directive will provide guidance on FSA selection of practices or components needing NRCS review.

Disposal Date

October 1, 2004

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices and NRCS State Offices

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3 Action

A State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- forward this notice to County Offices
- ensure that County Offices follow the requirements of this notice.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- permit producers, whose practices have not been certified for payment by NRCS according to 2-CRP, paragraph 475, to self-certify practice establishment and eligibility for payment
- use AD-862 printed after installing County Software Release No. 522 for producer self-certification.

Note: AD-862's printed before County Software Release No. 522 do not contain the correct certification statement for producer self-certification. County Offices must ensure that AD-862 with the corrected certification statement is used for producer self-certification.